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IDEALIST

OPERATIONAL SUMMARY AND STATUS

(1 July 1974 - 30 September 1974)

I. (TS) OPERATIONAL MISSION SUMMARY

A. No IDEALIST TACKLE missions were flown during this period. On 23 July 1974 [] Commander, officially announced to the detachment that its activities would be terminated due to the phaseout of the IDEALIST Program. On 29 July 1974 [] U-2R aircraft returned to Edwards AFB, Calif., for transfer to the USAF.

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NRO review(s) completed.

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II. (S) GENERAL

A. "H" Camera Test - Thirteen sorties were flown in support of the "H" camera mirror qualification.

B. GREAT LAKES - One sortie was flown over the Great Lakes in support of the Army Corps. of Engineers shore line erosion study.

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TEST AND TERMINATION PROGRESS

(1 July - 30 September 1974)

I. (S) PAYLOAD: "H" Camera S/N 002, incorporating a new beryllium mirror, was qualified for operational use after thirteen test flights during the month of July. This camera, test flight data and related documentation was transferred to the USAF early in August as part of the termination of the IDEALIST project.

II. (S) TERMINATION:

A. PLANNING: Materiel planning for termination was formalized with the publication of "Policy Decisions Regarding IDEALIST Asset Disposition and Liquidation" on 18 July 1974. This document received full coordination and approval by 23 August, and represents the basic authority for phase-out actions.

B. AIRCRAFT:

1. Four IDEALIST mission aircraft were transferred to the USAF/SAC by 2 August 1974. Articles 051 and 053 were ferried from Detachment "H" to Detachment "G" during the last week of July and were formally transferred with Article 054 on 2 August. Article 055, which had been deployed to the [] operating location during April, was transferred in-place on 1 August 1974.

2. The IDEALIST inventory of six support aircraft used in training and logistical operations was reported for redistribution planning purposes during the month of July. By the end of the first quarter, the Agency's Cessna 210 had been relocated to [] from Detachment G; two T-37's had been identified by USAF for transfer from Detachment "G" to Air Training Command and two USAF O-2's were identified for ~~consignment to the Military Aircraft Storage~~ for consignment to the Military Aircraft Storage and Disposition Center, Davis Monthan AFB, Arizona. The physical transfer of the T37's and O-2's will occur by mid-October.

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C. EQUIPMENT, VEHICLES, AND SPARES: The redistribution of Agency and USAF assets held by Detachments "H" and "G" was initiated during the month of August. A Logistics Assistance Team composed of USAF, OSA, and Office of Logistics personnel visited Det "H" from 29 July through 20 August, and Det "G" from 21 August thru 28 August in order to provide necessary Headquarters guidance to the phase-out tasks facing each detachment. By 30 September, all Detachment "H" assets had been redistributed and the Detachment was deactivated a full thirty days ahead of schedule. Detachment "G" redistribution activity was well ahead of schedule by quarter's end, and that detachment is expected to be closed by 31 October 1974.

D. FACILITIES: As part of termination, the facilities at Detachment H revert to the host Air Force on 1 October. Detachment "G's" facilities are planned for transfer to Air Force Systems Command on 1 November 1974.

III. (S) AERO MEDICAL AND LIFE SUPPORT ACTIVITIES

A. Medical Activities

1. [] C/AMS/OSA, accompanied Brigadier General Wendell L. Bevan, Jr., D/SA, and [] of DDS&T visiting [] for final ceremonies the last week of July.

2. Complete medical records of all project pilots, including [] are being placed in archives.

B. Life Support Activities

1. [] Detachment "G" Life Support Officer, is being reassigned to Davis Monthan AFB, []

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Arizona, to the SAC U-2R Program in same capacity as a USAF civilian employee.

2. A complete S-1010 Full-Pressure Suit Assembly has been obtained for Agency archives. Also other life-support survival items which were developed by the Agency during the OXCART and IDEALIST Programs are being placed in archives. These items are non-standard to USAF channels.

3. During this quarterly period, all Aero Medical Staff files were screened in preparation for archives.

4. Preparations have been made for moving boats and other equipment used in support of parasail and water survival training from Lake Okeechobee, Florida, where they have been stored. They will be returned to [REDACTED] Division the first week in October.

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5. [REDACTED] is leaving AMS/OSA 7 October and being reassigned temporarily to OSI /DDS&T.

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C. Scientific Conference

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A scientific meeting was held at Headquarters' OSI/DDS&T on 25 September 1974. [REDACTED] attended this meeting.

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